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ANNO PRIMO HENRICI OCTAVI.

¶ The kynge our soueraigne lorde Henrie the eight after the conquest, by the grace of God kyng of England & of Fraunce and lorde of Irelande, at his parliament holden at Westminster the .xii. day of Januarij, in the fyrst yere of his most noble reigne, after the prorogacion to the honour of god and holy church, and for the common weale and profit of this his realme, by the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, & the commons in this present parliamēt assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, hath do to be ordeined, made, and enacted certaine statutes and ordinaunces in maner & fourme folowyng.

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WHere in time passed the kyng of Denmarke made an ordinaunce, that no englishman, or other straunger, borne out of his lande, should repaire into any parte of his realme or dominions to get fisshe or other marchaundise, but only to the towne called Northbarne. At which time the kynge of noble memorie Henry the. vi. (late king of this realme) beyng than in perfect amitie with the said king of Denmarke, & at his contemplacion ordeined and established, by auctority of parliament, holden at westminster, the eight yere of his reigne, that none of his subiectes, beyng englishmen) should go or repayre into any of the parties, lordships, or dominions of the sayd kyng of Denmarke, contrary to his saide ordinaunce: vpon peine of forfaiture of all his goodes mouable. By force of which statute (made in the said eight yere) diuers of the kinges subiectes, not knowyng of the sayd statute, aduenturing and repairyng into Iseland and other parties of the lordships and dominions of the sayd king of Denmarke, for fisshe and other marchaundise, haue bene greuously punisshed, to their great losse and hinderaunce, and contrary to good conscience: considerynge that fisshe and other cōmodities of that countrie be much behouefull and necessarie towarde the common weale of this realme.

¶ Be it therfore ordeined, stablisshed, and enacted, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayd acte (made in the eight yere of the sayd kyng Henry the first, at his sayd parliament,) and al other actes therof made, be from hensforth vtterly voide and of none effect, repelled and annulled.

¶ A reuocacion of an acte made the first yere of kynge Richard the third, for clothmakyng. Cap. ii.

WHere in the parliamēt holde at westminster, the xxiii. day of January, in the first yere of the reine of Richard the. iii. late in deede & not in right kyng of England, an act was made concernyng the makyng and drapyng of wollen clothes. For asmuch as the saide act is in suche forme, that the clothier, doyng his true diligence, cannot obserue the same without many times offendinge against the said act, in which be so straite and great penalties & forfaitures made against the said clothiers, so that they hauyng no comforte, but that the aforesaid act should stand stil good and effectual, be like to leaue the occupacion of clothmakyng, which should be occasion of extreme powerte and vdelnes of a great number of the kinges subiectes, wherof many great inconueniences should and may ensue. wherfore be it enacted by auctoritie of

this present parliament, that the king our soueraigne lorde, nor any other person or persons, shall take any auantage or profit of any penalties or forfaiture geuen or limitted by the said act, made the said .xxiii. day of Januarie, for any cloth made or to bee made afore the beginning of the nexte parliament.

¶ An act concerning paymentes to be made to John Heiron generall receiuour to our soueraigne lorde the kyng. Cap. iij.

WHere as the kyng our soueraigne lorde entendeth, that diuers reuenues and deuties, due and to be due to his highnes, shalbe payde to his trustie seruaunt John Heiron his generall receiuour, and to other persons by his highnes hereafter in like office to be deputed and alligued, as in the time of the late kynge of famous memory Henry the. viii. hath ben vsed. And for that that his subiectes may be truly and lawfully discharged of paimentes made or to be made by them of euery of the premisses to the said John Heiron, or to other persons therto to be limitted & appointed in forme aforesaid: Be it therfore ordeined, enacted, and establisshed, by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that al acquitances and billes of receite heretofore made by the said John Heiron in the time of the sayd late noble kynge, and in the time of our soueraigne lorde that now is, and hereafter to be made by the saide John Heiron, and al other the sayde persons by our sayd soueraign lorde to the said offices to be appointed, and of euery of them, of any his reuenewes or duties what so euer they be, be a sufficient discharge to euery such person against the kyng our soueraigne lorde, his heires, and successours, as wel in the kinges escheker, as in any other of the kynges courtes, without any other warrant, taile or priuate seale therof to be had, obteined, or sewed. And that the treasurer, chamberlaine, and barons of the said eschéker, and euery of them, and al other Iudges, auditours and officers accept, take, and alowe the said acquitãces and billes for sufficient discharge of the said paimentes. And this acte onely to endure to the next parliament.

¶ And ouer that be it ordeined and enacted, by the said auctoritie, that the same John Heiron, & euery other perso that shal haue the sayd or like office of receit, be chargeable & charged to euery person & persõs, spiritual & temporal, now hauing or that hereafter shal haue any interelle in any parte of his or their receites by title of inheritance or succession, or by graut, alline-ment, act of parliamẽt or other wise. And that euery of the haue like remedie against the sayd John, & euery other plon that shal haue the said or like office of receit, as they haue had or ought to haue had against any other plo that haue receiued any of the premisses, this present act not withstanding.

¶ And that euery such person spiritual or temporal, for none payemente of all such summes of money, as they or any of them ought to haue of the said

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receites by title of inheritaunce, or succession, or by graunt, assignement, act of parliament, or otherwise, haue their actions & remedies in euery of the kinges courtes against the saide John, and euery other person, hauyng the same or like office of receite for their recouerie and payment of all sommes that shall be so due vnto them or any of them after the first day of this present parliament.

¶ An acte for penalties vpon actions populars. Cap. iii.

Where in times passed haue bene made many and diuers actes and statutes penall, for the which penalties haue bene geuen actions and informacions populat, by writte, informacion or bille, and also inditementes made and taken vpon the same statutes: the great noumbre of whiche statutes penall haue not ben put in execucion till now of late by meane wherof many and diuers good and well disposed persons (ignorant of any suche statutes) their heires and executours haue ben put to great losse of goodes, veracion, & trouble by action, informacion & inditementes for offences surmised to be done cõtrary to the same statutes, many yeres after the offences were surmised to be done: vpon whiche delatyng of so long time much periurie, great trouble, veracion, and many inconueniences insued to great numbre of the kynges subiectes. wherfore be it enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, and by the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that al actions, informacions and enditementes from hensforth to bee made, had, or taken, by or for the kyng our soueraigne lorde, his heires or successours, of and vpon any such penal statutes, made or to be made, be had, made, and take within thre yere next immediately folowyng after the said offence so made, committed, or done. And that all such actions, informacions, and enditementes, hereafter to be taken, made, or had by or for the kyng our sayd soueraigne lorde, his heires, or successours, after the said thre yere (informe aforesayd) ended, be vtterly voyde and of no force nor effecte.

¶ Be it also enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that al actiõs and informacions from hensforth to be had, made, or taken by any person, other thã the king, his heires or successours, of & vpon any such penall statutes made or to be made, be had, made, or taken within one yere next immediately folowing after the said offence so made, committed, or done. And that al such actions & informacions hereafter to be taken by any other person than the king, his heires, or successours, after the said one yere (informe aforesaid) ended: be voyde and of no force nor effect. ¶ Prouided alway, that where any actions, informaciõ, or enditemẽtes is limitted by any statute to be had, made, or taken within shorter time than a yere: that it be had made, or taken accordyng to the time limitted in that estatute, this present acte not withstandyng. This acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶ A reuocacion of an acte made the .iii. yere of the reigne of king Henry the .vii. concerning thentryng of marchandises in the customers bokes. Cap. v.

Where at the parliamēt holdē at westminster, in the third yere of the reigne of the most noble kyng Henry the .vii. It was ordeined and established, by the auctoritie of the same: that no maner of marchaunt denizen nor straunger, shuld take vpō him to do entre, or cause to be entred in the bokes of any customer of any porte within this realme, any maner merchandise commyng into this his said realme, or goyng out of the same, in any other marchauntes name, sauyng onely the name of the marchaunt, owyng the same, vpon peine of forfaiture of all suche goodes and marchaundises so entred: and euery of the sayd marchauntes, whiche so shall take vpon him to cause such vntrue entre to be made, to haue imprisonement, and to make fine therfore at the kinges pleasure: It is now by our soueraigne lorde the kyng, and his lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled, well consideryng that the entent and cause of the makynge of the sayd statute was onely for as much as by the subtil dealyng of some Englishmen, colorably enteryng in their owne names the goodes of marchaunt straungers, the kinges highnes was deceyued in his customes, and that the sayde statutes was made for none other cause, yet for as much as the wordes of the sayde statute were generall, it was extended as well vnto the gooddes of an Englyshe man, entred in the name of one other Englisheman, as to the gooddes of a straunger, entred in the name of an English man, to the greate hurte, losse, and damage of many and diuers of the kinges subiectes, and contrarie to the very intente and meanyng of the sayde statute.

¶ It is therfore ordeigned, establisshed, and enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the acte afore rehersed, made the said thirde yere, and all thinges conteined in the same, bee from hensefoorth repelled, adnulled, and vtterly voyde and of none effecte. And furthermore be it enacted, by our soueraigne lorde the kynge, the lordes spyrytuall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament, and by the auctoritie of the same, that it be lawfull from hensforth, that euery Englyshe man, and all other the kynges subiectes, may in euery porte or hauen within this realme of Englande, Ireland, and wales, and the marches of the same, and in the towne of Berwike, where it shal happen any marchandise to arriue or to be charged and caried out, to custome in his name all maner of goodes and marchaundise of an other English man, or the kynges subiecte.

¶ And in lyke fourme euery marchaunt straunger to custome in his name

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any goodes or marchandise of any other marchaunt straunger, so that the said marchaut straūger, that custometh the goods of another marchaunt straunger, and the very owner or proprietary of the goods so customed, be charged with like custome, subsidie, and other thinges, so that the kynges grace be not defrauded of his right. And if any marchaut straunger or denyzen, or any other the kinges subiecte, custome any goodes or marchaundyses of another straunger or denyzen, or of any other the kynges subiecte, wherby the kinges grace shuld lose his custome, subsidie or other his right or duetie, that than the said marchaunt straunger or denyzen, or any other the kinges subiect, that so taketh vppon him or them, to forfayte to our soueraigne lorde the kinge the goodes or marchandises so customed: and ouer that to forfaite to the partie or parties in this behalfe greued, asmuche money as the goodes or marchandises of the marchaut straūger, denyzen or other the kinges subiect (so cautelously customed) amounted vnto. And that no citezen of London, or other the kynges subiectes, inheryting in the Synke portes, or any of ther beyng free of prisage or butlarage of wynes by graunt, custome, or otherwise, custome no wynes of any person or persons, not beinge free of any prisage or butlarage. And if any person free of the saide prisage or butlarage so do, that than the said person or persons (that so doe) forfayte to ours saide soueraigne lorde the double value of the prisage of the said wynes so customed. And farther that it be lawful to any person or persons greued contrary to this act, to haue an action of dette against any person or persons that so customed the goodes or marchandises in his name, and not in the owners name, of the somme of the value of the saide marchandises so customed and forfaited: in the whiche action none essoyne nor protection shal lie, nor the defendant to waage his lawe.

¶ A reuocacion of a statute made concernyng informacions to be made before Justices of assise and Justices of peace. Cap. vi.

Where in a parliament holden at westminster in the xi. yere of the reigne of the right highe and mighty prince late our soueraigne lord kynge of Englande Henry the vii. It was enacted ordeined, and established that from henceforth as wel the iustices of assise in the open sessions to be holden afore them, and euery of them: as the iustices of the peace in euery countie of this realme, vpō informacion for the king tofore them to be made, should haue full power and auctheritie (by their discrecion) to here and determine all offences and contemptes committed and done by any person or persons against the fourme ordynaunce, and effect of any statute made and not repelled: And that the said Justices vpon the said informacion should haue ful power and auctoritee

rities to awarde and make like processe against the said offenders and euery of them, as they should or might make against suche person or persons as ben presented and endyted before them of trespas done against the kynges peace, and the sayde offender or offenders duely to punyshe accordynge to the purporte, forme, and effect of the said statutes. And also that the person, whiche shulde geue the saide informacion for the kinge, shuld by the discrecion of the said Justices, content and paye to the sayd person or persons, against whom the saide informacion shuld be so geuen, his reasonable costes and damages in that behalfe susteined, if that it be tried or founde agaynst him, that greueth or maketh any such informacion.

¶ Prouided alway that any such informacion exted not to treason, murder or felony, nor to any other office, wherfore any perso shuld lese life or member vpon the same informacion, any landes tenementes, goodes, cattels to the party making the same informacion. ¶ Prouided also that the saide informacion shal not extende to any person dwellynge in an other shire than where as the saide informacion should be geuen or made, sauynge to euerie person and persons, cities and townes all their libertes & fraunchises, to them & euery of them of right belongyng and appertenyng. For as muche as by force of the same acte it is manifestly knowen, that many sinister and crafty feigned and forged informacions haue ben pursued against diuers of the kynges subiectes, to their great damage and wrongfull vexacion. Be it therfore enacted, ordeined, & established by the kynge our souerayne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this presente parlyamẽt assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that the act afore reherced, made the saide .xi. yere, and euery thinge therein comprised, bee from henceforthe of none effect, voide, adnulled, and repelled.

¶ An act concerning the office of Coroners. Cap. vii.

Where as by a statute made at westminster, the third yere of king Henry the .vii. it was enacted, that a Coroner shal haue for his fee vpon euery inquisicion, taken vpõ the viewe of the body slaine & murdred .xiii. shillinges and foure pence, of the goodes & cattals of him that is the sleer or murderer: where by the common lawe a Coronour had not, nor ought not to haue any thing for their office doyng, as by the same statute more plainely doth appere. Sith which statute so made, the Coroners haue vsed that if any perso hath hapned to be slaine by misaduenture, & not by no mans hand, that they will not inquere vpon the viewe of the body, so by misaduenture slaine: except they haue for their labours .xiii. s. iiii. d. whiche is contrarie to the cõmon law, & also to the statute afore reherced: wherby great inconuenience doth daily growe to the kynges subiectes, for as muche as oftentimes the persone that is so by myshaduenture slaine, lyeth longe aboue the

ground vnberied, to the great noyaunce of the kinges liege people, wherefore the kinge our soueraine lorde, by the assent of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by authoritee of the same ordeineth, that vppon a request made to a coroner to come and enquere vppon the viewe of any person slaine, drowned, or otherwise deade by misauenture, the saide Coroner diligently do his office vppon the viewe of the body of euery such person or persons, withoute any thinge therfore: vpon peine to euery Coroner that will not endeuer him selfe to do his office (as afore is saide) or that he taketh any thing for doyng of his office vpon euery person deade by misauenture, for euery time, xl.s.

¶ And that the iustices of assises, iustices of peace within the countie where any such defaute of the Coroners be, haue auctoritee and power to enquere therof and determine the same, aswel by examinacion, as by presentmente.

¶ An acte concerninge Eschetours and commissioners. Cap. viii.

FOr as muche as diuers of the kinges subiectes now of late time haue ben sore hurte, troubled, and wronged, & some disherited by eschetours and commissioners, causing vntrue offices to be founden, and sometime retourning into the courtes of record offices and inquisicions that were neuer founde: And some time changeinge the matter of the offices that were trewly founden, to the greate hurte, trouble, and disherison of the kynges true subiectes: that like before this time hath not ben seue in this realme: wherfore be it ordeyned, established, and enacted in this present parliament, and by the auctoritee of the same, that if any eschetour or commissioner hereafter retourne or put into any of the kings courts, any inquisicions or offices concernynge landes, tenements, or other hereditaments, not founden nor presented by the othes of xii. men, and indented and by them sealed: that than the same Eschetoure or commissioner forfait for euery such office or inquisicion, so retourned and put into any of the said courtes, an. C. pounides to the party or parties greued by any suche inquisicion or office; and that from henceforthe no Eschetour, ne no man sitte by vertue of any commission to enquere of landes tenementes, or other hereditamentes, except he, or other to his vse, haue landes tenementes, or hereditamentes of the yerely value of xl. marckes aboue all charges and reprises, vpon peine of xx. li.

¶ And that it shalbe lawefull for all persons, that bee not sufficiente of free holde in possession or vse, at the time of any suche commission to them delyuered, to refuse to sitte and enquere by vertue of the same commission. And that they vpō processe made against them out of the kinges Eschekier, by vertue of the same commission, to be discharged vppon their othes, for

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their saide none sufficiencie, without fine or fee.

¶ And that euery Eschetour and commissioner shall sitte in conuenient and open places, accordynge to the statutes heretofore made. And that the said Eschetours and Commissioners, shal suffer euery person to geue euydence openly in their presence, to such enquestes as shall bee taken before any of them, vpon peine of.xl.li.

¶ And that no Sheriffe, nor other person, whiche shall or ought to retourne writtes or preceptes, retourne before Eschetours, or suche commissioner, any personne or persons to enquere of anie landes or tenementes: excepte euerie of the same Jurie so retourned, or other to their vse, haue landes or tenementes of the yearely value of.xl.s. within the same shire, where the same enquirie shall bee made without fraude or collusion, aboue all charges and reprises, vppon peine of forfayture for euery persomne so retourned one.C.s. And that the Jurie that shall be swoorne before any Eschetour or suche commissioner to enquire of landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, shal receiue the counterpane of the office or inquisicion, that by them shall be presented, endented, and sealed by the Eschetour or by suche commissioner, and the same deliuer and suffer to reste in the possession of the firste person that shall bee swoorne in the saide Jurie, with hym to remayne, to the entent that the sayde commissioner or Eschetoure maye not chaunge nor enbesell the sayde offices or inquisicions. And this to bee done vpon peine of euery of the said persons, that shal be swoorne.xx.s. And that euery eschetour and commissioner (after a Jurie or enqueste before any of them swoorne) bee redie to geue their verdite or presentmente, and offer to presente the same, that the same Eschetour or commissioners, or parte of them, shall receiue the same verdite without farther delay, vppon peyne of one C.li. And delyuer the counterpane of the indenture to the Jurie, in forme aboue rehersed vpon like peine: And that if the clerke of the petite bagge of the kynges chauncerie, for the time beynge, or his deputie or deputies, or any other officer there, hauynge auctoritee to receiue any suche office or inquisicion, to whose handes any suche office or inquisicyon shall come to whiche ought to bee returned into the saide Chauncerie, wyll not receiue the same office or inquisicion, and put it on the Filag, to remaine of record, within.xii. dayes after it be receyued or offred to him to be receiued, he to forfayte for euerie suche defaute.xl.li. And the commissioners or Eschetours, afore whom the same office or inquisicion is founden, and (as is before sayde) offered to be deliuered to the Chauncerie, to bee discharged of the penaltee of.xl.li. lymitted by statute for none returnynge of the same office or inquisicyon within the moneth. And that lyke lawe and penaltee bee to charge the officer or officers of the kynges Eschequer, for the tyme beynge, whych ought to receyue inquisicyons or offices returnable in to the same Eschequer, for refusynge so to receyue them. And that the commyssioners or Eschetoure, before whome the sayd inquisicions or offices

offices be founden, be discharged of the penaltie of the statute for none returninge of the same inquisicions or offices, so that than the saide eschetour or commissioners at any time after the moneth of any suche offices, before the or any of them taken, within another moneth than next ensuinge returne the said office into the chauncery or escheker, as the case shall require. And that the said clerke of the petite bagge (for the time beinge) certifie or cause to bee certified the Transcript of euery suche office or inquisicion (taken before any commissioners or Eschetour) to the kings escheker the next terme folowing the receit thereof, vpon peine of forfaiture for euery suche defaute C.s. And that no mā be compelled after the feast of all saintes next coming. to occupie nor exercise the office of an Eschetour by any one patent ouer one hole yere. And that he that is ones Eschetour shal not be made eschetour ayen within .iii. yere after the forsaid hole yere ended. And if any eschetoure after the feast of all saintes be made eschetour, or exercise his office by reasō of one patēt ouer the time of one hole yere ended, or be made eschetour within .iii. yere after (as is aforesaid) That thā after the sayd hole yere (in forme aforesaid) ended, his patent so made to be voide and of none effect. And that the partie or parties so greued, shall hāue his or their recouere of euery of the said forfaitures of one. C. li. by action of det, in which action the defēdāt shal not wage his lawe, nor be by protection nor essoine. And the residue of the other forfaitures, expressed in this present act, the king shall haue the one moite therof, and the partie that will sue therfore by action of det, the other moite. And the defendant shal haue no other delay, but as is aforesayd.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte concerninge eschetours for exercisinge of their office ouer an hole yere together, & letters patents or graunts made or to be made to any eschetour for terme of life, or for yeres, or otherwise, extend not, ne be preiudicial to any eschetour that now is, and that hereafter shalbe made & ordeined in any citee or towne corporate, or in the duches of Lancaster, Cornwal, & the counties palatins of Lancaster, Chester, Durham, or Ely, or to any other counte palatine within the realme of Englād wales or marches of the same. Nor to any Eschetour made or hereafter to be made by any person or persons spiritual or temporal, hauing auctoritee by reason of any fraunchises, liberties, preuileges, prescriptions, or graunt, to depute or make any such eschetour in the same.

¶ Prouided also that this act, as to any penaltie in the same concernynge the sufficiency of eschetour, & iurours aforesaid, extend not nor be preiudicial to any eschetour in citee or townes corporate, ne to any other eschetoures made or hereafter to be made by any person or persons, hauinge preuilege to make eschetours for inquisicion of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, ne to any sheriffe or bailiffe for returning in any pannel any persō or persons before any of the said eschetours of lesse value than is conteined in the said act. The eschetour of the countie palatine of Lancaster and Chester in this prouise onely excepted.

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¶ Prouided also, that this acte extende not be preiudiciall to any Justices of the peace, for any thing doyng concerning the commission of the peace.
¶ Prouided also, that nothing penalle, conteined in this present acte, take effecte before the feast of Ester nexte commynge. And this acte to endure to the next Parliament.

¶ An act concernyng the bridge of Stanes. Cap. ix.

Where as the Chauncellour of England and his predecessours out of time of minde haue vsed to ordeyne, and assigne. ii. iii. or. iiii. certayne persons. Of the towne & parisshe of Stanis in the countie of Midd, to haue the receite of tolle and custome concerning the making and reparacion of the bridge of the same towne, aswell of cartes and horse laden with marchaundises & other stouffe caried ouer and vpon the same bridge, as of barges coming vnderneth the same bridge, with whiche tolle and custome the sayde bridge was repaired and also a causey, extending a mile from the same towne in length vnto the towne of Eggehm, and encloseth the water of Thamys from the kynges high waye, so that if the said causey and bridge be not wel mainteined and kepte, the kynges subiectes shall not nor maye not passe on horsebacke nor on foote by that way, which should be to the great noyaunce as well of the kynges grace as of all his subiectes, that shall ryde or go from London to the west parties of this lande.
¶ And for as muche as the saide tolle and custome hath bene at sometyme afore this desired of the kynges highnesse to be geuen to certaine persones as of fee by his letters patents: And sometime the sayde Tolle and custome hath not ben well applied to the reparacion of the said bridge and way.
Be it therfore ordeined, enacted, and stablished, by authority of this present parliament, that according to the sayd old vsage the Chauncellour of England (for the time beyng) or keper of the kynges great seale, and their successours, haue the deputacion and assignement of. ii. iii. or. iiii. certaine persons of the said towne and parisshe of Stanys, that they shall take and receiue the said tolle & custome, as before this time hath ben vsed to be paied: And the same Tolle and custome so by them or any of them receiued, to employe vpon the reparacion and makyng of the same bridge and waye, and therof yerely to yeld accomptes to the said Chauncellor or keper of the kinges great seale (for the time being) or before such persons as he shal depute and assigne, & offer them selfe so to doe yerely betweme the feastes of saynte Michael the archāgel & all saints. And that al letters patentes made or to be made by the kynges highnes, or by any of his heires or successours to any person or persones of the sayde tolle or custome, or of the receite or employeng therof, be from henceforth voyde, and of none effect.

In acte

¶ An acte enlargyng a statute concerning the trauers of landes seised into the kynges handes by enquestes afore eschetours and commissioners. Cap. x.

WHere as by a statute made the. viii. yere of the reine of king Henry the. vi. it is ordeined amonge other thinges, that no landes and tenementes seised into the kinges handes, vpon enquestes taken afore the eschetour or commissioners, shal in no wise be let or graunted to ferme by the Chauncellour of Englād, or any other officer of the kynges, what so euer he bee, till the same enquestes and verdites be retourned playnly into the Chauncerie, or into the eschequer, but that all such landes and tenementes shall abide holly and continually in the kynges handes, vnto the same enquestes and verdites be returned. But it be so, that he or they, that be greeued by the same enquestes or put out of their landes and tenementes, come into the Chauncery, and offer to trauers the same enquestes, and offer to take the same landes and tenementes to ferme: and if they so do, than the same landes and tenementes be committed vnto theim, if they shew good euidence, prouynge their trauers to bee trew, and finde suretie after the fourme of the said statute, as in the same statute more at large appereth.

¶ And not withstandyng the sayde statute diuers eschetours and commissioners whiche haue taken suche enquestes, after the deathe of the kynges subiectes, of their Couin, to the entent to put theim that had cause of trauers, to the verdites of the sayde enquestes, from the ferme of the premisses, would in the time of vacacion put into the Chauncery, or into the Eschequer, their sayde office by theim taken, bycause the moneth should passe before the beginnyng of the terme next ensuyng, by reason wherof they that should of right haue the ferme vpon their trauers according to the true entent of the sayd statute, were put from the same fermes, contrary to right and good conscience.

¶ For remedie wherof be it ordeigned, enacted, and establissed, by auctoritie of this present parliament, that from hensforthe, after suche office founde afore any Eschetour or commissioner, put into the Chauncery or the Eschequer, if any person or persons, which will tende a trauers to the said office, and desireth to haue the landes conteined in the same office to ferme and findeth suertie, and sheweth euidence to the Chauncellour of England (for the time beyng) according to the statute afore rehersed, come into the Chauncerie within. iii. monethes next after the same office so put into the Chauncerie or Escheker, that he be than by the sayd Chauncellour therto admitted, and that than al other patentes and graūtes hereafter to bee made therof within the said. iii. monethes ended, be voyde and of none effect

the sayd statute made the .viii. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the.vi. or any other statute made to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶An acte concernyng the confirmacion of the acte of atteinte to continue. Cap.xi.

WHere as at the parliament holde at westminster the.xiiii day of Octobre, in the.xi.yere of the most famous prince kynge Henry the. vii. late kyng of Englande, father to our soueraigne lorde the kynge that now is, it was ordeined and enacted vpon euery vntrew verdite to be geuen within the realme of Englande betwene partie and partie, in any suite, plaunte, or demaunde before Justices of recorde, where the thinges in demaunde extend to the value of.xx.li. not concernyng ieoperdy of mannes life, the partie greeued by the same vntrue verdite, should haue a writte of attaynte against euery person geuyng an vntrue verdite, and against the partie, which hath iudgement vpon the same. which good statute than was made for to endure vnto the nexte parliament: at the whiche parliament, in the .xii. yere of the sayd late kynge the sayd statute also was enacted to continue vnto the parliamēt than next folowyng, whiche was holden at westminster the .xxv. daye of January, the.xix.yere, at whiche parliament also it was ordeined to continue vnto this present parliament begunne the .xxi. day of January. By reason of whiche statute many light and vnstable swoorne iuries betwene partie and partie hath bene, and yet be more in fere to giue vntrue verdites for punishment of the same. And for as muche as the sayde good statute is so much necessary to be continued for the punishment of the horrible vice of periurie now daply committed and vsed, to the great displeasure of almightie god, and also to the great hurte and vtter vndoyng of the kinges trewe subiectes, wherfore be it enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and by the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the sayd good estatute, made in the said.xi.yere, as wel concernyng the sayde atteynte, as the reformacion of panelles by Justices of peace & gaile deliuere, & euery thing conteined in the same, be & stande good and effectuall in euery point from this time forwarde. This acte to endure to the next parliament.

¶An acte conternyng vntrue inquisicions, procured by Empson and Dudley. Cap.xii.

SHeweth vnto your discrete wisedomes, that where diuers and many vntrue inquisicions, by the procurement of Richard Empson knight, & Edmunde Dudley, haue be had and taken within this realme, as well

before

before commissioners assigned by letters patentes of the late kyng, kynge Henry the. vii. as before his eschetours, as wel by vertue of writtes of the said late kyng, as by vertue of their office, by the which inquisicio somtime parcel of the said landes, conteined in the said inquisicions, & sometime the whole landes there founden holden of the said late king in capite, where in trouthe the said landes, conteined in the said inquisicions, nor no parcell of them was holde of the saide late kyng in capite, ne of any of his progenitours. To the which inquisicios the parties thā greued by the same, could not nor might not take their trauers to the same, according to the lawe of the land, but were inforced and constreigned to sue their liuery of the same out of the handes of the said late kyng, wherby they were and be concluded to say, that the said landes be holden of the kynge in chiefe, to their greate losse and hinderance, where in trouthe they were not holden of the said late king, ne of any his progenitours. wherfore be it enacted, ordeined, and establissed by the king our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery person and persons, hauyng possession of the said landes, conteined in the same inquisicions, or any parte thereof, may be admitted to haue their trauers to the said vntrue inquisicions, not withstandyng any liuery sued in the time of the sayde late kynge, kynge Henry the. vii. And that it be farther enacted by the same auctoritie, that any liuery sued of the same, in the time of the sayde late kynge, ne any thing conteined in the same liuery, be any conclusion after the course of the common lawe, or in any wise hurtful or preiudiciall to any person or persones, that shall happen to tende their trauers to the sayde office, but that they and euery of them shall be admitted to their trauers to the sayde inquisicions, and to haue like aduauntage in the lawe, as though no liuerie had be sued of the same in the time of the sayd late kyng, and this at the reuerēce of god and in the way of charitee. &c.

¶ Prouided alway, that they or any of them, which shal tend their trauers to any of the said inquisicions, in maner and fourme as is aforesayde, shall not be restored to any meane issues or profites of landes and tenementes compriſed in the sayd inquisicions.

¶ An acte that no coine, plate, vessell, bullion nor Jewell be caried out of this lande. Cap. xiii.

Where in a parliament begun and holden at westminster the. xvi. day of Januarie, in the. xvii. yere of kynge Edwarde the fourthe amonges other it was ordeined by auctoritie of the same parliament, that no person shuld carie nor make to be caried out of this realme or wales from no part of the same, any maner money of the coine of this realme, nor money of the coyne of other realmes, landes, or lorde-

ships, nor plate, vessell, bullion, nor Jewell of golde garnisshed or vngarnisshed or of siluer, without the kynges licence: but such persons as be dispensed within the statute made in the second yere of king Henry the. vi. And other diuers statutes made, vpon peine of felony, as in the said statute & ordinaunce more plainly doth appere. The whiche statute & ordinaunce was made to endure from the feast of Easter, in the. xviii. yere of the sayd kynge Edward, vnto the ende of. vii. yeres than next ensuing. which statute & ordinaunce afore rehersed by auctoritie parliament, holden in the third yere of the reygne of the late kynge of most famous memorie Henry the seuenth were affirmed and enacted to be good and effectuall, from the feaste of the purificacion of our Lady. The yere of our lorde god. M. CCCC. lxxxix. and to endure to the ende of. xx. yeres than next ensuyng. And for as muche as the saide statute, ordinaunce, and acte shoulde exspire, and whiche is thought for the more parte to be very good and necessary: Therfore bee it enacted by auctoritie of this presente parliament, that the sayde statutes, ordinaunces, and actes (aboue rehersed) be and shall stande good and effectuall from the feast of the Purificacion of our Lady, in the yere of oure lorde God a thousande fiue hundred and. ix. after the computacion of Englande, in euery thyng therin conteined, except onely the penaltie of felony in the sayd statute limitted. And that from the sayde feaste of the purificaciō of our Lady, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. ix. euery person that shall carie or do to be caried any money, coyne, plate, vessell, bollion, iewell of golde, garnisshed or vngarnisshed, or of syluer, contrarie to the fourme of the sayd statutes, shall forfaite the double value of the same: the one half therof to the kyng, and the other halfe to him that shall sease it, or therfore sue by action of dette at common lawe. And this acte to endure vnto the nexte parliament.

¶ An acte concernyng reformacion of apparell vsed within this realme. Cap. xiiii.

For as much as the great and costly array and apparel vsed within this realme, cōtrary to good statutes ther of made, hath be the occasion of great impouerisshynge of diuers of the kinges subiectes, and prouoked many of them to robbe and to do extorcion, & other vnlawfull dedes to maintaine therby their costly array. In eschewyng wherof, be it ordeined by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person, of what estate, condicion, or degree that he be, vse in his apparell any clothe of golde, of purpure colour, or silke of purpure colour, but onely the king, the queene, the kinges mother, the kinges children, the kynges brethers and sisters, vpon peyne to forfaite the sayd apparell, wherwith so euer it be mixte: And for vsing the same, to forfait

fait cx pounde. And that no man, vnder the state of a Duke, vse in any apparell of his bodie, or vpon his horses any cloth of golde or Tissue, vppon peine to forfait the same apparel, wherewith so euer it be mixte, and for vsing the same to forfait, xx marke. And that no man vnder the degree of an Erle, weare in his apparel any Sables, vpon peine to forfait the same apparel. And that no man vnder the degre of a baron vse in his aparel, of his body or of his horses, any cloth of golde, or cloth of siluer, or Tilsen satten, ne no other silke or cloth mixte or broudred with gold or siluer, vppon peyne of forfaiture of the same apparell, all be it, that it be mixte with any other silke or clothe: And for vsing of the same to forfaite x marke. And that no man vnder the degre of a lord, or a knight of the garter, weare any wollen cloth made out of this realme of Englande, of Irelande, wales, Caleis, or the marches of the same, or Berwike, vpon peine to forfait the sayd clothe, and for vsing of the same to forfaite x li. And that no man vnder the degree of a knighte of the garter weare in his gowne or cote, or any other his apparel, any veluet of the colour of cremesin or blew, vpon peine to forfait the same gowne or cote: or other apparel, and for vsinge of the same, to forfaite xl.s. And that any of the vshers of the kinges chamber, for the time being that first sueth his action of detinew for the same apparell, haue the sayde forfaitures of the sayde apparell. And if none of the sayde vshers commence their action therof within xx daies in the terme next after the sayd forfaiture: than the kinges chamberlaine (for the time being) to haue therof his like action. And the king our soueraine lord, and his heires, to haue the one halfe of the said forfaitures of the saide money so forfaited, and the saide Chamberlaine of the kyng (for the time being) to haue the sayde other halfe of the money.

¶ Prouided, that if there bee any like forfaiture committed or done by any of the queenes seruantes (beinge in hir Chequer rolle) that than any of the vshers of hir chamber, or in their defaut, the queenes chamberlaine (for the time being) haue like actions for the said forfaitures, as is aforesaid for the kynges vshers and his chamberlaine. And that no man vnder the degree of a knight, excepte squiers for the kynges body, kyts cuppe berers, caruoers, and sewers, hauing the ordinarie fee for the same, or all other esquiers for the body hauing possession of landes and tenements or other hereditamentes in their handes, or other to their vse, to the yerely value of .CCC. marke. And lordes sonnes and heires, Justices of the one benche or of the other, the maister of the Rolles, and Barons of the kinges Eschequer, and all other of the kynges Councell, and Mairs of the citee of London (for the time being) vse or weare any velues in their gownes or ridynge cotes, or furres of martron in their apparels, vppon peine to forfaite the same furre and apparel, wherewith soeuer it be mixte, and for vsing of the same, to forfaite xl.s. Nor no person, other than bee aboue named, weare velues in their doublettes, nor satten nor damaske in their gownes nor cotes,

except hee bee a Lordes sonne, or a gentilman hauinge in his possession, or other to his vse, landes and tenementes, or annuities at the lest for terme of lyfe, to the yerely value of a.C.li. aboue all reprises, vppon peyne to forfait the same apparel, wherwith soeuer it be mixt: and for vsing of the same to forfait.xl.s. Nor no person vse or weare satten or damaske in their doublets, nor silke or chamblet in their gounes or cotes, not hauing landes or tenementes in his possession or other to his vse, office or fee for terme of life or lifes, to the yerely value of.xx.li. except he be a yoman of the crowne, or of the kinges garde, or gromes of the kinges chaumber, or of the quenes, hauing therfore the kinges fee or the quenes, vpon peine to forfaite the same apparel, wherwith soeuer it be myxte. And for vsyng of the saine to forfaite xl.s. And that no man, vnder the degree of a gentilman, except graduates of the vniuersitees: and except yomen, gromes and pages of the kings chamber, and our soueraine ladies the queenes: and except suche men as haue landes, tenementes, fees, or annuities to the yerely value of.x.li. for terme of life, or.C.li. in goodes, vse, or weare any furres, whereof there is no lyke kinde groyng in this lande of Englande, Ireland, wales, or in any lande vnder the kinges obeisance, vpon peine to forfaite the same furres, and for vsing of the same to forfaite.xl.s. The value of their goodes to bee tryed by their owne othes. And that no man vnder the degree of a knight, except spiritual men & sergeantes at the lawe, or graduates of vniuersitees, vse any more cloth in a long gowne than foure brode yardes, & in a riding gowne or cote aboue.iii. yardes, vppon peine of forfaitures thereof. And that no seruinge man, vnder the degree of a gentilman, vse or weare any gowne or cote, or suche lyke apparell of more cloth than.ii. brode yardes and a halfe in a shorte gowne, and.iii. brode yardes in a long gowne. And that in the saide gowne or cote, they were no maner furre, vppon peine of forfaiture of the saide apparel, or the value therof. And that no seruing man, waitinge vpon his maister, vnder the degree of a gentilman, vse or weare any garded hose, or any cloth aboue the price of.xx.d. the yarde in his hose, except that it be of his maisters wearing hose, vpon peine of forfaiture of.iii.s.iiii.d. And that no man vnder the degree of a knighte, weare any garded or pinched shert, or pinched partlet of linen cloth, vppon peine of forfaiture of the same shert or partlet, and for vsinge of the same.x.s. And that no seruaunte of husbandry, nor shepperd, comon labourer, or seruaunt to any artificer, out of citee or borowe, nor husbandeman hauynge no goodes of his owne aboue the value of.x. pound, vse or weare any cloth, wherof the brode yarde passeth in price.ii.s. Nor that any of the said seruantes of husbandrie, shepardes, nor labourers, weare any hose aboue the price of.x.d. the yard, vpon peine of imprisonmente in the stockes by.iii. dayes. And that he that will sue for any of the sayde forfaytures of the sayde apparell, forfaited by any person vnder the degree of a lorde or a knight of the garter haue the sayde apparel so forfaited by action of detinue, and the kynge our soueraine lorde

to haue

to haue the one halfe of the forfaiture of the sayd money so forfayted, or the lorde of the franchesse, if it bee recouered or presented within a franchesse or lete, and the partie that will sue, haue the other halfe. And the sute to be by action of dette, and that in any wyse of all the sayd actions, the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, nor be by protection nor Essoine, nor the partie to be barred by the kynges pardon, nor be delayed by any plea to the disablement of his person. And that the lorde stewarde of the kynges house for the tyme beinge, within the verge: and Justices of assise, and Justices of the peace, stewardes in leetes or lawe dayes, and euery of them, haue also power to enquere and holde plee of euery defaut of the premisses aswel by examinacion of the partie, as after the course of the common lawe, and to determine the same, aswel at the kinges sute as at the sute of the partie.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that this act be not preiudiciall nor hurtefull to any spiritual or temporal man in wearing any ornamentes of the church, in executing diuine seruice, nor to any marchauntes straungers.

¶ Prouyded also that it shalbe lefull to all maires, Recorders, Aldermen, shireffes, & bailiffes, and all other head officers of cities, borowes, or townes corporat, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, to vse and weare like aparel in their gownes, dublettes, clokes, & other apparel, as their predecessours haue done in times past, this act in any wise notwithstanding.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte be not preiudiciall nor hurtfull to any woman, or to any ambassitours, heremen, haroldes of armes, minstrelles, players in enterludes, nor to any man wearyng any apparel of the kinges liuerie, geuen him by the kynge for the time of his attendaunce aboute the kynges grace.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that al other statutes of array made afore the making of this present statute, and al penalties and forfaitures to be leuied or demaunded by reason of them or any of them, bee vterly voide, repelled, and of none effect, and discharged: And that this acte of arraie, made at this present parliament, begin to take effecte at the feast of saint Myghel tharcangel next comminge, and not before, and to endure vnto the next parliamente.

¶ Prouided also that this act entende not to any person or persons, vsinge any maner of apparel, aswel vpon him selfe, as vpon his hors, being in the kynges seruice in time of warre.

¶ Prouided alway, that the kinges grace by this present act be not letted nor restreigned of his liberty but that his highnes (at his pleasure) by his placarde or his letter, or his bill assigned with his moste gracious hande, may graunt and giue licence and auctoritee to such of his subiectes, as his grace shall thinke conuenient, to weare all and singular suche apparell on his body or his horses, as shal stand with the pleasure of the kings grace, without damage or forfaiture to him or them that so doth, of any apparell or other peine conteined in this statute.

An act

¶ An acte annulling and reuokinge all feoffementes made to Empſon and Dudley. Cap. xv.

WHere as Richard Empſon, late of London knight, and Edmunde Dudley, late of London ſquire, nowe ſtandin and be atteinted of highe treaſon, after the courſe of the common law: and they, or one of them were or be ſeaſed, or they or any of them ioyntly with other were ſeaſed of dyuers manours, landes, and tenementes, and other hereditaments, to the vſe of our ſoueraigne lorde the king, or to the vſe of other the kinges ſubiectes, or in morgage, or to couenaunt, vpon payment, or none paiment and vpon diuers other couenauntes. Be it therfore ordeined, and enacted, by the auctoritee of this preſent parliament, that euery perſon and perſons to whoſe vſe the ſaid Richard and Edmunde, or either of them, were ſeaſed the .xx. day of Aprill laſt paſt, or any time ſithen, maye enter into the ſame, wherof the ſaid Ricarde, or Edmunde were ſeaſed, and make eſtate thereof to other perſons in fee to their vſe, as they might haue done, if the ſaide atteindour had neuer be had ne made, aſwel vppon the poſſeſſion of our ſoueraine lorde the kinge, as of any other perſon: And that of all ſuche manner landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, wherof the ſayd Rychard and Edmunde, or either of them, were ioyntly ſeaſed with any other perſon or perſons, the ſaide .xx. daye, or any time ſith, the ſame ioynte feoffees, and their heires, and euery of them to ſtand and be ſeaſed of the hole to ſuch vſe and entent, as the ſame ioynt feoffee or feoffees, with the ſame Richard and Edmunde, or either of them, were ſeaſed the ſaide .xx. daye, or any time ſith, the atteindours notwithſtandinge.

¶ Prouyded alwaye, that this acte extende not to any lordeſhyppes, manours, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, or hereditamentes that were of John Ratclife knight, late lord Fitz water, vnto the which Robert Ratclife knight, now lord Fitz water, ſonne and heire of the ſayd John, is reſtored by an acte of reſtitucion, made for him in this preſent parliamente, but that the ſaid Robert and his heires may haue and enioye al the ſame lordſhippes, manours, landes, tenementes, poſſeſſions, and hereditamentes, according to the ſaid acte of reſtitucion, with the prouiſes conteined in the ſame. This acte, or any other acte made or to be made in this preſent parliament in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Ne that this acte, or any thing conteined therin, be in any wiſe hurteful or preiudicial to the ſaide Roberte or his heires, of or in the premiſſes or any of them.

God ſaue the kynge.

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